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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR of Arizona).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC

October 21, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rev. Darrell Armstrong, Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of Miriam, Deborah, and Esther; Thou who art my creator, redeemer, and sustainer; Thou art from everlasting to everlasting; anoint, O God, bless and guide today's session of the United States House of Representatives.

Grant Thy special grace upon these ordinary women and men who gather in these hallowed walls with extraordinary positions of influence and power.

Give them wisdom, knowledge, discernment, and understanding to make decisions which positively impact the lives of American and world citizens alike. And as Micah charged us in the prophetic scriptures, help us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You, O God.

Bless our international community of nation states, bless our beloved United States of America, and do, God, bless our President.

Out of loving respect to my brothers and sisters of the other faiths—Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu and others—I offer this prayer in the name of the One I call Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1818. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 110-315, the Chair announces, on behalf of the President pro tempore, the appointment of the following individuals to be members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity:

Daniel Klaich of Nevada,
Cameron Staples of Connecticut, and
Larry Vanderhoef of California.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND DARRELL ARMSTRONG

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome and introduce to my colleagues the Reverend Darrell L. Armstrong, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, in Trenton, New Jersey.

Rev. Armstrong, a native of Los Angeles, California, moved to New Jersey in 1995 to pursue ministerial training at the Princeton Theological Seminary. In 2000, he was elected by near unanimous vote to serve as pastor of the acclaimed Shiloh Baptist Church, which was founded in 1893. As only the third pastor to lead this church over the past 100 years, Rev. Armstrong has helped to double its membership to over 1,800 congregants, and he has solidified Shiloh Baptist's reputation as a thriving and respected church in central New Jersey.

He is the proud husband of Melanie Pinkey and the father of two children, Amaris Kayla and Daniel LaRue.

Rev. Armstrong is one of more than 70 central New Jersey religious leaders here today for meetings with Members of Congress, administration officials, and outside groups. I know that his inspiring prayer this morning will help to guide not only today's session of the House, but also our meetings throughout the day.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TIME FOR COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. BRALEY of Iowa asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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